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ALBERTA MEDICARE ON JULY 1

Effective July 1 of this year, all residents of Alberta and their dependents will be covered by Alberta Medicare and everyone must register for the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan by that date. Benefits under the plan include all basic health services, which are complete medical, surgical and obstetrical coverage; specified oral surgery performed by a dental surgeon; optometric refractive examinations; and chiropractic, podiatric and osteopathic services.

To facilitate registration, members of group health insurance plans with M.S.I. or other carriers

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are being provided with the necessary forms by their group leaders. Persons enrolled on an individual basis with the Alberta Health Plan or M.S.I. are receiving registration forms by mail, and, where possible, the same service is being provided for enrollees with other insurance companies. For those residents who are not included in any of these categories, registration forms are available at Treasury Branches, chartered banks, county and municipal district offices and hospitals. On registration, a resident receives an identity card showing his name and registration number as well as those of his dependents. Anyone who fails to register is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine.

The annual premium for single person under the Plan is \$60, for a family, \$120. Group mem-

bers will have their premiums collected monthly, individual registrants will pay quarterly. Payment Department of Social Development (formerly the Department of Public Welfare) will be automatically registered by the Commission and should not register themselves.

Practitioners who provide basic health services are listed under the Plan may submit a claim to the Commission or may bill the patient direct. is not made at the time of registration. All residents will be billed at a later date.

Subsidies of one-half of the premium payable are available to those whose taxable income (or the combined taxable income of himself and his spouse) for the preceding year was not more than \$500. Applications for subsidy will be printed on the first premium notice mailed to non-group members and will be available to

group members through their group representatives. Recipients of assistance benefits from the Plan, if the latter, the Commission will reimburse the patient.

The Alberta Blue Cross Plan and private insurance companies may continue to provide those health services not considered basic, such as ambulance, drugs, naturopathic services, prosthetic appliances and hospital benefits not included in the Alberta Hospitalization Benefit Plan, for an additional premium charge.

A folder listing all details of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan has been distributed to all residences in the province. Anyone who has not received a copy can obtain one from the offices which distribute registration forms. For their own benefit, all Albertans are urged to read this informative brochure carefully.

New Social Studies Curriculum To Aid Student Decision Making

THE CURRICULUM BRANCH of the Department of Education has proposed a revised social studies course for grades one to twelve in the province of Alberta. After a three year organizational period, a tentative course outline was made available to teachers throughout the province in January of this year.

The intention of the new Alberta Social Studies Program is to produce valuable citizens who participate in social and civic activities. The course is designed to develop students who make rational decisions on logical grounds.

The program will be started in grades seven and ten this fall, on an experimental basis. Social Studies is compulsory in grade ten; and grade seven, being the lowest junior high grade, made these two classes the best choices for conducting the trial programs. The existing optional grade twelve course will be altered only slightly, as it has proved very effective in the past, emphasizing modern day problems. The programs for most grades will begin throughout the province in September, 1970.

Social Studies was first developed to help young people realize the values, skills, and knowledge with which to confront social problems, and originally had as the content of the course parts from history, geography and the social

sciences. The emphasis today will be not only to learn about the world of the past and the present, but how to make the future world a more desirable place in which to live.

A second major change will be emphasis on Canadianism, to develop a healthy pride and loyalty toward their country and help the present generation of students gain an awareness and appreciation of their Canadian identity.

Three areas will be covered in the new social studies course. The department lists them in order of

importance: values or attitudes, skills, and knowledge. This is directly opposite to previous priorities.

The objective of the values section will be to stress the dignity and worth of all individuals regardless of racial, political or cultural background. Secondly, students will be taught a wide range of skills, which will enable them to handle information from and about their social and physical environment. The skills include recalling and recognizing, comprehending, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and

evaluating data from the social studies.

Finally, basic knowledge will be taught. Material will be drawn from history, geography, anthropology, political science, sociology, social psychology and economics.

One-third of all social studies courses will be devoted to study of problems of current interest to students. The topics of study chosen for grades one to twelve because of their interest to the students are: Grade 1—Family Life; Grade 2—Neighborhood; Grade 3—Comparative Communities; Grade 4—Alberta; Grade 5—Canada; Grade 6—Historical Role of Man; Grade 7—Man, Technology and Culture; Grade 8—Non-Western Societies; Grade 9—Western Society; Grade 10—Canadian Problems; Grade 11—World Problems and Issues; Grade 12—World Problems and Issues.

"Ombudsman" Appeals Committee Operates On Behalf Of Students

STUDENTS, their teachers, principals or parents, who feel a student's educational future is jeopardized by scholastic regulations, or who feels his school career needs readjustment, may appeal to the "Special Cases Committee" of the Division of Instruction of the Alberta Department of Education.

The "Special Cases Committee", composed of three officials from the Department of Education, reviews all written requests from Alberta students of all categories, who wish to have their scholastic records checked, particularly if they feel they have been denied acceptance to an educational institution or specific student course.

Acting as an "ombudsman" for the student, the committee may review such cases as: students who are unable to attend high school or university because of their record, that is falling just short of requirements, for example, students who may write four good papers and fall short on the fifth may request review of the fourth exam; students who think the examination papers did not measure their scholastic potential; and students who may not be able to write exams because of being handicapped, and are deserving of special assistance. Students who fall short of regulations to post-secondary institutions are automatically reviewed.

In one case, a student who was only able to take a vacation at exam time, had the "Special Cases Committee" work out a plan whereby the captain of the ship on which he was a passenger, gave him the exam.

All requests for assistance and review of scholastic records are quickly and carefully looked after by the three member education committee.

Bulk Purchasing Hospital Drugs Provides Savings

THROUGH the joint efforts of the Hospital Services Section of the Department of Health, pharmaceutical associations and major drug companies, smaller hospitals in the province will enjoy economies effected under collective buying arrangements on some drugs.

Ten of the more important and commonly used drugs will be purchased through pooled tender calls based on estimated six-month demands of all participating hospitals.

Under the system effective March 15, tenders are called and the best price is accepted, resulting in lower unit costs to participating hospitals. From that point on individual hospitals may place orders against this tender following normal procedures. Deliveries will be made directly to the hospital concerned by the supplying firm.

The project is representative of the manner in which efforts are being made to meet the spiralling cost of drugs.

THE COVER

Alberta Medicare comes into effect July 1, when basic medical coverage becomes available to every resident of the province. At the same time, regulations come into effect requiring every resident to register for this coverage and to accept obligation for payment of premium. The Alberta Medicare plan provides for all basic medical and surgical coverage, as well as other benefits.

Annual Licensing Is Now Required By Alberta Firms

ALBERTA'S BUSINESSES and industries are now required to obtain a business license renewal at least every two years. This system, which came into effect January 1, 1969, replaces the previous continuing type license system which had been in effect since 1954.

The new arrangement which will enable the government to collect more accurate information about the province's commercial organizations, will also permit a more direct control over license use. Such a control will ensure that licenses issued to any firm will cover only that firm, and that specific type of business.

A general change in licensing fees accompanied the transition. A schedule of fees, determined by type and size of business, is available from the Licensing Branch.

There is a wide range in the style and type of businesses that are required to be licensed by the Branch.

Generally this includes all Companies or individuals selling a service or product such as Retail stores, Wholesalers, Dry Cleaners, Funeral Homes, Barber Shops, Hair Dressers, Service Stations and Firms or individuals engaged in Direct Selling.

Full details on the licensing procedure may be obtained from the Licensing Branch, Alberta Department of Industry and Tourism, Centennial Building, Edmonton.

Non-Residents To Pay Higher Hospital Fees

NON-RESIDENTS of Alberta will pay more for hospitalization in the province through new hospital rates under Alberta Hospital Benefits Regulations. The new rate increase, the first in several years, will bring hospital charges to non-eligible in-patients into line with costs payable to members under the plan.

The new schedule of rates apply to all approved hospitals, with increases in the case of all persons other than new born infants as follows: (effective 1 April, 1969)

In active treatment hospitals with 89 beds or less, from \$20.00 per day to \$25.00 per day.

In active treatment hospitals with 90 or more beds, from \$25.00 per day to \$40.00 per day.

In auxiliary hospitals the rate will be \$20.00 per day.

Persons affected by these changes are non-residents of the province, and those hospitalized under the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Board and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Subscribers to the Alberta Hospitalization Benefits Plan receive payment of hospital services at these same rates anywhere outside of Canada. Those requiring hospitalization in other provinces in Canada receive payment according to the going standard ward rate of the hospital involved. The foregoing benefits in all cases are payable less the co-insurance factor of \$5.00 for the first day in hospital and \$2.50 per day thereafter.

Labour Department In Edmonton Office

AS OF APRIL 1, the Alberta Department of Labour is located in the top five floors of the 10-storey IBM Building at 108 Street and 99 Avenue, Edmonton.

The arrangement of offices in the building is: Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Branch, sixth floor; Boilers Branch, seventh floor; Electrical Protection and Gas Protection Branches, eighth floor; Board of Industrial Relations, ninth floor; Elevator Inspectors, Pension Benefits Branch and Human Rights Branch and Administration, tenth floor. Some 40,000 square feet of office space and 2,400 square feet of storage space are occupied. The department's telephone numbers are unchanged, except for the Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Qualification Branch, 429-7311; and the Board of Industrial Relations, 429-7451.

and in the two smaller ones bird houses with planting areas around them have been provided for. Besides being a pleasant place to sit, the central day areas should provide an alternative form of occupational therapy for the residents in the care of the garden and feeding the birds.

A series of aquarium tanks have also been envisaged for the office library as another point of interest in this area.

The communal dining room, occupational therapy or recreation centre and lounge can be opened up into one large area when required through the use of folding doors. The kitchen will be adjacent to this location.

Living accommodations for the two matrons has been placed near the two entrances to permit supervision at these points.

Three smaller laundry rooms have been included, one in each cluster, instead of one large laundry as in the present homes. A small hair-dressing room is also provided in the larger cluster.

The bedrooms are similar in layout to the bedrooms in present lodges. A water closet and basin are provided for each room and a central bathing facility for each cluster. In order to remain with the residential theme of this structure all water closets will be of the residential tank-type. Showers and baths will be equipped with safety mixing valves which automatically adjust to any sudden change in supply line pressures.

A telephone outlet is supplied in each single or double room. Telephones will be installed as requested by the residents. Each room will have its own telephone number.

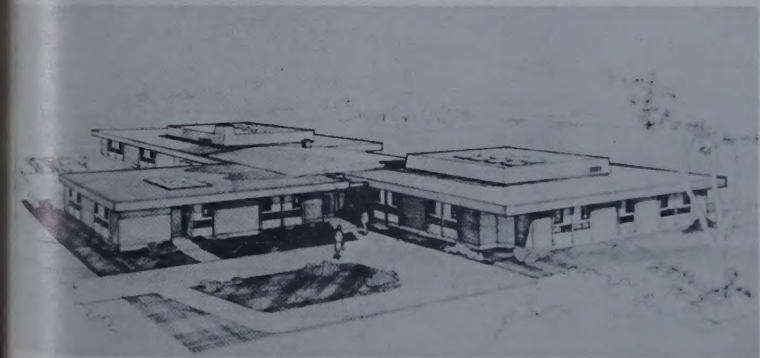
All bedrooms, corridors and matrons' suites will be carpeted. In other areas a resilient floor covering will be used. Wall finishes will be painted, some exposed stone work will be used around the fireplace in the lounge, and vinyl fabric will cover all corridor walls. A continuous hand rail will also be provided in this location.

Mechanical equipment will be housed in the basement level, providing facilities for a perimeter-type hot water heating system for the entire complex.

Although homes are built by the Provincial Government these, like all others, will be transferred to Municipal Foundations for operation. Maximum maintenance rates are set by the Welfare Homes and Institutions Branch which is responsible for licensing and maintaining of standards. Present rates for single bedrooms are set at not more than \$80.00 per month, and for double occupancy units not more than \$70.00 per month.

The completion of the Medicine Hat Home, scheduled for mid-summer, and the Lamont Home late in the year, will bring the provincial total of Senior Citizens' Homes to 71 with accommodation for 4,286 Senior Citizens.

New Design Improves Services In Alberta Senior Citizen Lodges



MARKED DEPARTURE from conventional design to achieve a more residential environment is the main feature of two new Senior Citizens' Homes being built this year in Medicine Hat and Lamont. The new homes, constructed under the Senior Citizens' Home program of the Welfare Homes and Institutions Branch, Alberta Department of Social Development, are expected to cost about \$400,000 each. Designed to house 50 people plus two staff members living in, 30 of the occupants will be in single bedrooms, with 10 units set aside for double occupancy.

To provide the residential character of the building a cottage roof with cedar shake shingles will be used. At the centre of each roof a skylight will emit light into the day rooms below. The exterior walls will be faced with clay brick finish. Metal windows placed in pre-cast concrete panel with exposed aggregate facing will add

texture. A glazed door opens from the lounge onto a courtyard patio.

These exterior materials have been chosen to eliminate costly maintenance and with the exception of the eave fascia, which will require painting, should serve for many years without upkeep.

The organization of interior space involves around three bedroom clusters with communal facilities providing the link between them. This layout eliminates any long corridors and further avoids an institutional appearance. The communal facilities such as dining room, occupational room and lounge are similar to those provided in present homes. The present day rooms, however, have been replaced with larger interior day areas around which the bedrooms have been grouped.

Each cluster has at its centre a day area with a developed point of interest. In the larger of these a tropical garden has been proposed,

Centralized Child Adoption System To Improve Service

THE SYSTEM of a centrally co-ordinated adoption service, established under the Child Welfare Branch of the Department of Social Development, has proven effective putting the province in a leading position in the area of child placements in Canada.

Under this system the Child Welfare Branch is responsible for all statutory services and administration of the program. All applications are processed by the Branch, which maintains a master file on children available for adoption.

Every effort is made by the Branch to make adopting a child easy. The maintenance of 34 regional offices in the province, most of which have total responsibility in their areas for all services, helps to stream applications and keep waiting time to a minimum.

When a couple applies to one of these regional offices, processing of their application starts immediately. A social worker interviews the prospective parents, visits with them in their home, getting to know them and helping to plan what will be best for them and their future adoptive child. Applicants are required to submit three personal references who are also interviewed by the social worker involved. It is during this period, usually about three months,

that any reasons why the couple should not pursue the idea of adopting will be brought to light.

Major criterion by which applicants are judged is simply that their marriage is on a sound and satisfactory basis, both enjoy good health physically and emotionally, and that they can afford to support a child. Their reasons for wanting an adopted child and their general and social background are carefully considered.

On approval of an application, the task of finding the most suitable child for the family commences. Central placement offices in Calgary or Edmonton are responsible for choosing the child. The length of time taken will depend directly on availability and the restrictions placed on the Department by the adopting parents. Where adopting parents' requirements are too precise it will take longer to find a child with those specifications who needs a home.

There are no hard and fast rules regarding the age of adopting parents. However, every effort is made to encourage older couples to accept relatively older children rather than infants to ensure a greater degree of compatibility between the parents and their new child.

Although couples wishing to adopt must be

married, single persons may adopt a child. Twelve such placements have been made to date and have proven the merit of this policy. Through the careful processing of applications and counselling service the Department has found that over 98% of all placements have been successful.

After the child has been placed in its adoptive home for the supervisory period of one year, application is made to the District Court for the final adoption order. Following legal adoption a birth certificate can be obtained in the name of the adoptive parents with nothing on it indicating that the child was adopted.

More and more people are adopting children of mixed races. Such adoptions now total about 12% of all placements, significantly higher than in other parts of Canada.

Adoptions in Alberta during 1968 continued on an upward trend with total placements of 1,610 children, 177 more than the record set the previous year.

However, a recent study of statistics covering two consecutive months showed 114 babies surrendered for adoption and 98 children judged neglected and made wards of the province. On this basis it is estimated that as many as 2,500 children will be received by the Department over a 12 month period. At present there are about 200 children two years of age and under, alone, waiting for adoption.

These figures point out the continuing need for a steady flow of adoption requests.

The Department of Social Development makes no charge for its adoption services.

ANY ALBERTA ROAD IS ADVENTURE

PICK A ROAD; any road. If it is in Alberta and if it is one of the roads maintained by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands and Forests, the chances are that it is a road that leads to excitement, adventure and discovery. From any town or city in

Alberta a few hours on a modern highway in a modern automobile brings the weekender or vacationer to a forestry road that leads to a different world, a world of yesterday. This is a road that winds through trees that stand today as they did before the coming of the white man and where wildlife runs as free as when the only travellers were the occasional hunting bands of Indians.

Perhaps the best known forestry road is the Forestry Trunk Road, a 620-mile long system with branch roads spinning off to a host of fascinating places. The Trunk Road is a gravelled route built originally to give fire fighting crews access to forest regions but it has become a much used passage to new experiences for thousands of Albertans for it puts within easy reach of everyone a fairland of nature that is almost an anachronism in today's industrialized world. It provides not only one of the most pleasurable vacations but a highly economical one.

The Trunk Road runs from the Peace River Country to the Crow's Nest Pass area through thousands of square miles of foothills forests that offer some of the nation's most impressively attractive scenery: mountains, trees, streams and waterfalls whose solitary splendour is given easy access through stands of White and Black Spruce, Lodge-

pole, and Limber Pine, Alpine and Douglas Fir, Western Larch, Birch, Aspen and Poplar.

The Forest Division maintains close to a hundred campsites in the foothills region. The sites provide stoves and, at many, shelter buildings. In addition, campsites on the paved highways that cross the region are maintained by the Department of Highways. In season, the hunting is fine with Mountain Sheep and Mountain Goat, moose, deer, elk and bear to provide prize trophies. Trout and Mountain Whitefish abound but, while there is no closed season on fishing, some of the streams in this area are closed as part of a continuing conservation program. Full information is available from the Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Lands and Forests.

In the area between Grande Prairie and Hinton the Trunk Road (but many miles between) generally parallels construction on the Alberta Resources Railway and passes through pulp harvesting operations where the visitor gets a first hand look at forest conservation methods. South of Hinton one travels through the extensive coal fields which once fed the pioneer steam locomotives. From the Trunk Road another road

runs eastward to Brazeau Dam. On the main road a campsite has been built at the picturesque Ram Falls and a little further south the road climbs a tortuous path over Corkscrew Mountain as the landscape tumbles away in a wild panorama to the valleys below.

Still further south the road lifts to a height of better than seven thousand feet as it traverses a ridge between the Highwood and Kananaskis Valleys. A turnoff just a little further along leads to the top of 8,200-foot high Plateau Mountain. The road calls for careful skillful driving but the view is spectacular. Visitors are able to see far over the prairies to the east and are able to study the unusual flora which, because of the great height, is the cold weather vegetation of the Arctic regions.

Forty miles north of Coleman, shutters have a field day at Livingstone Falls where the waters of the Oldman River snarl over the rocks to a point a few miles downstream where they swarm and jostle through a spectacular chasm in the Livingstone Mountains known simply as the Gap. Then the Trunk Road arrives at the Crownest Pass after offering a vacation trip of unbelievable beauty.

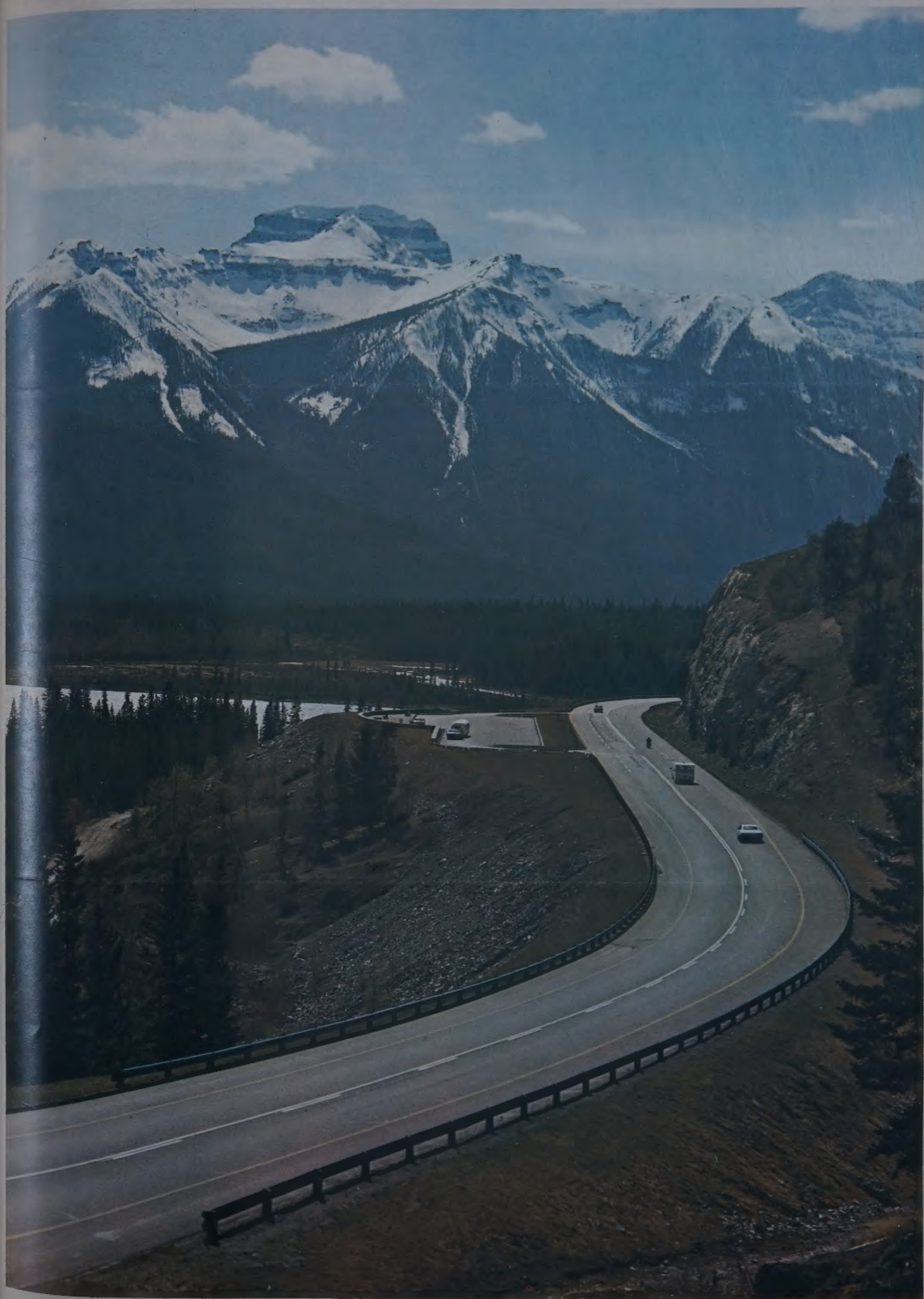
With the advent of glorious summer weather, Alberta's many natural attractions will again attract thousands of visitors to the province, to enjoy the fine roads, the good accommodation and the variety of recreational opportunities in the province. This view, near Banff, is indicative of the grandeur of Alberta's scenery and encourages Albertans to see their province first.

"Within Our Borders" is a publication designed to acquaint the people of the Province with the administration of the Alberta Government.

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Speakers Bureau Organized To Encourage Public Interest In Fight Against Drug Use

IN DECEMBER of 1968, a letter was sent to all schools, community organizations and social agencies throughout the province informing them that a Speakers Bureau on the use and misuse of drugs had been organized by the Alberta Government Human Resources Development Authority, and was now available to the public. The Young Adult Division of the Department of Youth was put in charge of administration, and enlisted fifty volunteers as speakers. They represent a wide range of professional disciplines including doctors, psychologists, University professors, teachers, social workers, pharmacists, policemen, and members of the clergy.

Thus far, approximately 200 groups throughout Alberta have taken advantage of the bureau

with the number of participants ranging from 12 to as many as 600 people.

The manner in which the principals of the Speakers Bureau conduct their meetings encourages a high degree of participation and interaction between the speakers and those present. The Department of Youth offers assistance to groups in planning the event. The meetings are sponsored by community service clubs, family life education groups, youth clubs and schools.

A comprehensive booklet on drugs was made available April 1, 1969, for distribution at the meetings. It is readily obtainable for distribution to school students as well. The booklet, "The Crutch that Cripples—Drug Dependence" explains

the different types of drugs including narcotics, sedatives, stimulants and hallucinogens; it explains who may become an addict, where to get help, what the long-range effects of usages are, and provincial and federal legal sanctions. The booklet will be placed at various outlets such as doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms.

Selected material on the misuse of drugs and narcotics have been compiled into a kit and is available to parents, young people and instructors. The portfolio contains presentations from nationwide medical authorities given at a conference held in Edmonton last year prior to the organization of the preventive drug service. Articles and excerpts from the Canadian Medical Association Journal and the American Medical Association Journal are also included.

Requests for speakers, and the new booklet on the misuse of drugs and narcotics should be made to: R. Verge, Young Adults Division, Alberta Department of Youth, 26th Floor, CN Tower, Edmonton, Alberta.

Coming Events

Within Our Borders is pleased to list those coming events pertaining to organizational meetings, association gatherings, and other similar non-commercial events of which it is made aware. Forward your information to Within Our Borders, Alberta Government Publicity Bureau, Centennial Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

JUNE

1	Vilna Fastball Tournament	Vilna
1	Golf Tournament	Daysland
1	Breakfast Fly-In and Official Opening of the Upgraded Airport	Wainwright
1	Animal Science . . . University Livestock Farm, 48th Annual Feeders Days	Edmonton
1-3	Alberta Milk Producers Association Convention	Calgary
1-4	School Administration Short Course and Trustees Seminar	Banff
1-4	Canadian Guidance Counsellors Association Convention	Edmonton
1-5	Western Association of Broadcasters Convention	Jasper
2	Achievement Day—4-H Beef Club	Forestburg
2	Achievement Day—4-H Beef Club	Daysland
2-4	Canadian Guidance and Counselling Association Conference	Edmonton
2-5	Grand Chapter of Alberta Order of the Eastern Star	Calgary
2-6	Alberta Women's Institute Conference	Edmonton
2-13	Dietary Service Vocational Short Course SAIT	Calgary
3-5	Annual Meeting Alberta Institute of Agrologists	Vermilion
4-5	Canadian Association of Purchasing Agents Convention	Banff
4-7	Municipal Refresher Course	Banff
4-8	Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation	Jasper
5-8	Financial Executives Institute Convention	Jasper
5-7	Canada—U.S. Parliamentary Group	Jasper
6-7	Kinsmen's Clubs District 4 Convention	Edmonton
6-7	Jay Walkers' Jamboree	Camrose
6-7	Elks Lodge Convention	Lethbridge
6-8	Watchtower Bible and Tract Society Convention	Hinton
6-9	Canadian Postmasters' Association, Alberta Division Conference	Edmonton
7	Kinsmen Convention	Edmonton
7	4-H Show and Sale	Nanton
8	Annual Breakfast Fly-In	Lacombe
8	Trochu Golf Tournament	Trochu
8	B.C. Tour Press	Jasper
8	Castor Golf Tournament	Castor
8-11	Alberta Pharmaceutical Association Convention	Jasper
8-11	Royal Canadian Legion Convention	Calgary
9	4-H Calf Show and Sale	Sundre
9-13	Short Course for Industrial Development Officers	Edmonton
10-15	American Association of Petroleum Landmen Convention	Banff
10-13	Biological Convention—Canadian Federation of Biological Societies U. of A.	Edmonton
11	Hand Hills Lake Stampede, Hand Hills Lake	Craigville
11	Farmers' Union District 2 Convention	Peace River
11-14	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta Convention	Edmonton
12	Farmers' Union District 1 Convention	Grande Prairie
12-15	Alberta Auto Dealers Association Convention	Jasper
12-15	Western Canada Hockey League	Jasper
13	Annual Sports Day	Warner
13	Kinsmen Rodeo	Brooks
13	Farmers' Day Picnic	Mayerthorpe
13	Silver Spur Saddle Club Picnic and Gymkhana	Onoway
13	Annual Farmers' Day Celebrations	Thorhild
13	Farmers' Day Rodeo and Gymkhana	Bowden
13	Agricultural 4-H Achievement Day	Valleyview
13-14	Lake McGregor Race Meet	2 miles west of Milo
13-14	Hardisty Stampede	Hardisty
13-14	Olds Kiwanis Horse Show	Olds
14	Armed Forces Day	CFB Edmonton, Calgary, Cold Lake and Penhold
14	Strathmore and District 4-H Calf Sale	Strathmore
14-15	National Sport Car Event	Edmonton
14-17	Alberta Provincial Firechiefs' Association Convention	Calgary
15	Breakfast Fly-In and Official Opening of New Airport	Stettler
15	Annual Baseball Tournament	Vilna
15	Forestburg Men's Open Golf Tournament	Forestburg
15	Legion Amateur Rodeo	Consort
15	Official Opening Vermilion Provincial Park for '69	Vermilion
15-17	Canadian Conference of Motor Transport Authorities	Edmonton
15-18	Canadian Transit Association Convention	Jasper
15-21	Gyro International Convention	Banff
15-21	Square Dance Teachers	Banff
15-28	Semantics Seminar — Workshop	Banff
15-28	Summer Short Course in Painting	Banff
16	Farmers' Union District 6 Convention	Vegreville
17	Farmers' Union District 7 Convention	Wainwright
17	Farmers' Union District 12 Convention	High River
17-21	Public Utilities Commissioners Convention	Banff
18	Farmers' Union District 8 Convention	Heisler
18-21	Computer Accounts Assoc.	Jasper
18	Farmers' Union District 11 Convention	Hanna
18-20	Continuing Medical Education	Banff
19	Farmers' Union District 10 Convention	Olds
19-21	Canadian Federation of University Women's Convention	Edmonton
20	Farmers' Union District 3 Convention	Athabasca
20-21	Alberta Auctioneers Association Convention	Lethbridge
20-21	Canadian Cancer Society Convention	Edmonton
20-21	Alberta Council for Crippled Children and Adults Convention	Edmonton
20-21	Wainwright Frontier and Exhibition (Stampede)	Wainwright
20-22	Beta Sigma Phi-N.W. Area Convention	Edmonton
20-22	Kinsmen Rodeo	St. Albert
20-22	4-H Award Winners	Banff
20-26	Canadian Gas Association Convention	Banff
21	Bonanza Day	Barrhead
21	High River Race Meet	High River
21	Farmers' Union District 5 Convention	Evansburg
21-22	Morinville Frontier Daze	Morinville

Coming Events

21-22	Vasa Order of America, District Lodge No. 18 Convention	Edmonton
21-22	Hootenany Weekend	Spruce Grove
22	Breakfast Fly-In	Peace River
22	Little Britches and Amateur Girls Rodeo	Blackfalds
22-23	Volume Independent Purchasers Convention	Calgary
22-25	American Water Resources Association	Banff
22-26	Mental Retardation Seminar	Banff
22-28	Figure Skating Pedagogy Workshop	Banff
22-28	Pacific Coast Dental Conference	Jasper
22-Aug.	2 Summer School — Opera Division	Banff
23-24	Northwest Electric Light and Power Association Convention	Edmonton
23-25	Water Balance of North America Symposium	Banff
23-27	Canadian Fire Marshals and Fire Commissioners Convention	Banff
24	Farmers' Union District 9 Convention	Wetaskiwin
25	Chamber of Commerce Steak Fry	Thunder Lake
26-29	Western Daily Newspapers Advertising Managers' Convention	Banff
27	Veteran Sports Day	Veteran
27	Stampede	Redcliff
27	Lions Sports and Chairette Races	Torrington
28	Wandering Squares Caravan	Barrhead
28	Carstairs Rodeo	Carstairs
28	Second Annual Car Raffle and Steak Barbeque	Fox Creek
29-29	Highland Games	Red Deer
29-29	Marlin Canadian Open Drag Championship	Edmonton
29-29	Raft Races and Summer Carnival	Athabasca
29-29	Lea Park Rodeo	Lea Park
29-July 1	Youth's Competitive Cross Country Endurance Trail Ride	Medicine Hat
29	Legion Raft Race (12 miles) Red Deer River	Drumheller
29-30	Tri-Service Second Annual Rodeo	Whitcourt
29-July 2	Businessmen's Assurance Co. of America Convention	Banff
29-July 3	Canadian Dietetic Association Convention	Calgary
29-Jul. 19	Brass Workshop	Banff
29-Jul. 19	Classic Guitar Master Classes	Banff
29-Jul. 19	Music Theory Courses	Banff
29-Jul. 26	Creative Writing Courses	Banff
29-Jul. 26	Journalism & Literature Short Course	Banff
29-Jul. 26	Singing — Pedagogy Short Course	Banff
29-Aug. 9	37th Annual Summer School in Fine Arts	Banff
30	Veteran Sports Day	Veteran
30	Gymkhana in Memorial Arena	Drumheller
30-July 1	Sports — Bear Lake	Lac Cardinal
30-July 1	Rocky Mountain House Stampede	Rocky Mountain House
30-July 1	International Folk Festival	Red Deer
30-July 1	Annual Sports Day	Edson
30-July 1	Stampede Jamboree and Race Meet	Raymond
30-July 1	Ponoka Stampede	Ponoka
30-July 3	National Electrical Contractors Association Convention	Jasper
JULY		
1	Raymond Annual Stampede	Raymond
1	Indoor All-Girls' Rodeo	Drumheller
1	Dominion Day Sports & Kiddies' Day	Daysland
1	Bassano Stampede	Bassano
1	Sports Day and Ball Tournament	Trochu
1	Sports Day	Provost
1	Alberta Highland Dancing	Edmonton
1	Dominion Day Celebrations	Standard
1	Parade and Sports Day	Canmore
1	Sports Day	Bellevue
1	Wanham Sports Day	Wanham
1	Annual Sports Day	Black Diamond
1	Annual Sports Day & Local Gymkhana	Bashaw
1	Elks Annual Sports Day	Valleyview
1	Dominion Day Celebrations	Consort
1	Little Britches Rodeo	Innisfail
1	Bow Island Kiddies' Day	Bow Island
1	Greenlawn Oldtimers' Roundup-horse races, Ball Tournament	Dewberry
1-2	Bear Lake Recreation Association Sports Day	Lac Cardinal
1-2	Stock Car Meet	Lea Lake Speedway
1-2	Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Baseball, 4-H Achievement	Lac La Biche
1-2	Rodeo, Parade and Gala Festivities	Thorhild
1-2	Jaycee Annual Baseball Tournament	St. Paul
1-2	Thorhild Stampede	Thorhild
1-12	Canadian National Gliding Contest	Innisfail
1-26	Recreation Leadership School	Drumheller
2	Sundre Rodeo	Sundre
2	Little Britches Rodeo and Street Parade	Didsbury
2-8	Red Cross Youth Seminar	Calgary
2-Aug. 5	1969 Summer Session of U of A	Edmonton
3-5	Alberta Institute of Agrologists Provincial Conv.	Vermilion
3-12	Calgary Exhibition and Stampede	Calgary
4	Little Royal — Fort Macleod	Fort Macleod
4-6	Parkland Arabian Horse Show	Red Deer
4-6	Canadian Charlais Association Convention	Calgary
5	Fireman's Competition	Coleman
5-6	Fort Macleod Stampede	Fort Macleod
5-6	"Bow-Water" Canoe Race	Banff to Calgary
5-6	Baseball Tournament	Lougheed
6	Canadian Football League Pre-Season Game, B.C. at	Calgary
6	Elks Barbeque	Irma
6-11	Opera Master Classes	Banff
6-11	International Association of Government Labor Organizations	Banff
6-12	Canadian Seed Growers Association Convention	Edmonton
6-19	Color Photography — Course I	Banff
6-29	Red Cross Swimming Lessons	Vilna
7	Official Opening of Warspite Playground	Warspite
7-11	Federal-Provincial Wildlife Conference	Edmonton
8-9	Matan 100 Super Modified	Edmonton
9	4-H Achievement Day	Barrhead
9-10	Annual Rodeo	Plamondon
10-11	Agricultural Fieldmen's Association Field Day	Coaldale
10-12	National Conv. Canadian Seed Growers Assoc.	Edmonton
11-12	4-H Show and Sale	Lethbridge
11-13	Fiesta Days	Boyle
11-19	Canadian Order of Foresters Convention	Edmonton
12	Derwent Annual Sports Day	Derwent
12	National Teen Age Driving Rodeo	Edmonton
12-13	Annual Baseball Tournament	Chipman
13-16	Master Brewers of America Convention	Calgary
13-18	Trail Rides of the Canadian Rockies	Banff
14	Castor Kinsmen's Sports Day	Castor
14-15	Agricultural Fair	Benalto
14-16	Personnel Association of Alberta Convention	Edmonton
14-19	"Whoop Up Days", Lethbridge Exhibition & Rodeo	Lethbridge
14-Aug. 12	Summer Thoroughbred Race Meet	Edmonton
17-20	Banff Indian Days	Banff
17-26	Klondike Days	Edmonton
18-19	Didsbury & District Light Horse 7th Indoor Horse Show	Didsbury
18-20	Alberta White Water Canoe Race, Rocky Mountain House to	Edmonton
19-20	"Pioneer Days"	Pincher Creek
19	Klondike Days Fly-In	Edmonton
20	River Raft Race	Edmonton
20-25	Trail Rides of the Canadian Rockies	Banff
20-Aug. 2	Color Photography — Course II	Banff
20-Aug. 9	Piano — Advanced Repertoire	Banff
20-Aug. 9	Weaver's Workshop	Banff
21	Branding Party	Medicine Hat
21-22	All Breeds Light Horse Show	Medicine Hat
21-26	Regional Bridge Tournament	Lethbridge
21-26	Annual Arabian Horse Show	Calgary
21-27	Can-Am & National Sports Car Event	Edmonton
23	Barbeque and Sports — Shorncliffe Lake	Czar
23-24	Lions Annual Ball Tournament	Lacombe
23-26	Medicine Hat Exhibition & Stampede	Medicine Hat
24-26	Agricultural Fair	Lloydminster
24-29	Jasper Jamboree	Jasper
25	High Point Gymkhana	Bowden
25-26	Annual Bowden Fair	Bowden
26	Swim Meet	Redcliff
26-27	Innisfree Golf Tournament	Innisfree
26-27	Oldtimers Golf Tournament	Turner Valley
27	Can-Am National Sport Car Event	Edmonton
27	Annual Fish and Game Picnic	Crammond
28	Barrhead Kinsmen Stampede	Barrhead
28-30	Vegreville Exhibition & Agricultural Fair	Vegreville
28-Aug. 2	Annual Alberta Light Horse Show	Calgary
29-Aug. 2	Trail Hikes	Banff
29-Aug. 2	Red Deer Fair and Exhibition	Red Deer
30-31	High Prairie Elks Stampede	High Prairie
30-Aug. 2	Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship	Calgary
31	Berwyn, Alberta Fiesta — all day entertainment	Berwyn
31-Aug. 2	Agricultural Fair	Vermilion

More Services Now Available In Alberta Parks

THIS SUMMER, expanded facilities await visitors to ten of Alberta's 38 developed provincial parks, the result of a \$253,000 development program carried out during the past year by the Parks Division, Alberta Department of Lands and Forests.

The greatest expenditure, \$171,000, was invested in development at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park, including a new camp and trailer area, extended roads, and expanded parking facilities. Other parks involved were Crimson Lake, trailer court and camp ground improvement; Cross Lake, pier construction; Garner Lake, pier construction, water distribution system and trailer court improvement; Long Lake, water distribution system, launching area and trailer court improvement; Pembina River, water distribution system and trailer court improvement; The Vermilion, improvements to launching area, pier and camp ground washhouse; Thunder Lake, launch facilities; and Wabamun Lake, beach area, pier and picnic area walkway.

Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park, newly established on Big Island in Lac La Biche, received its initial development the season, 1968-69. To permit all buildings to blend in with the surroundings, a unique type of construction was employed, utilizing materials and design to complement the virgin forest in which the camp is set. To facilitate entrance to the new provincial park, a causeway has been built to connect the island with the lakeshore.

Improvement Districts Are Amalgamated Into 24 Big Units

THE AMALGAMATION of Alberta's fifty-one Improvement Districts into 24 larger units was announced by the Department of Municipal Affairs effective January 1, 1969.

Outlying lands in the province that are not sufficiently developed to warrant a local council and are under the direct administration of the Department of Municipal Affairs, become enclosed in an Improvement District. Advisory committees, elected by local ratepayers, function in many Improvement Districts assisting the Department in an advisory capacity with local administrative problems.

Following an interim one year transitional period, future administrative procedures will be similar to existing arrangements with an advisory committee remaining for each sub-district, but with a common chairman. These committees will advise the Departmental Inspector in normal budgeting and administrative activities.

The amalgamation of the Districts was essentially to provide a broader and more stable tax base for that area. Many Improvement Districts were comprised only of farm land, and these were joined with oil and gas regions to enable a more uniform levy of taxes to develop a region. A more efficient administration will result from the reduced number of Improvement Districts.

Improvement Districts represent over 50 per cent of the area of the province, however, these are the most sparsely populated sections.

An area of 5,000,000 acres in the lower South East corner of Alberta have been divided from two Special Areas to become three areas. The Special Areas are located in the Hanna, Consort and Oyen districts. The special areas are administered by a three-member Board appointed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and responsible to it.

Training Center For Adult Students To Be Constructed

CONSTRUCTION of an eight-storey Vocational Training Centre for Adults, beginning in June of this year, has been announced by the Alberta Government Department of Education and the Department of Public Works. The structure, to be built at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000, will provide classroom space for short courses in its 240,000 square foot area. The project site is bounded by 102-103 Ave. and 107-108 Streets, Edmonton, and is being built with room for anticipated expansion to the North.

The Alberta Vocational Training Centre is due for completion in November, 1970, when it will be opened to adults who have extensive experience in their occupations, but require up-

grading and re-equipping of new skills and knowledge, so they may remain competitive in the labour market.

Each floor will have an area of 25,600 square feet. Accommodation for administration, counselling, receiving and the auditorium are on the main floor. Second and third will contain classrooms for academic upgrading, and barbering and beauty culture. Business education will have one complete floor, the fourth. A central floor in the building has been designated to contain the library, instructional materials centre, and the x-ray and laboratory school. The medical area will be on the sixth and seventh floors, which contain classrooms for nursing aides and nursing orderlies. Dining facilities will be located on the eighth floor as well as extra classroom space. Surface parking for approximately 107 cars is planned for an area north of the building, it will be surrounded by landscaped screen.

The building is of pre-cast concrete with T-beam formation. Rule, Wynn, Forbes, Lord and Partners of Edmonton are the engineers and architects in charge of the project. Tenders for receipt of tenders is May, 1969.

